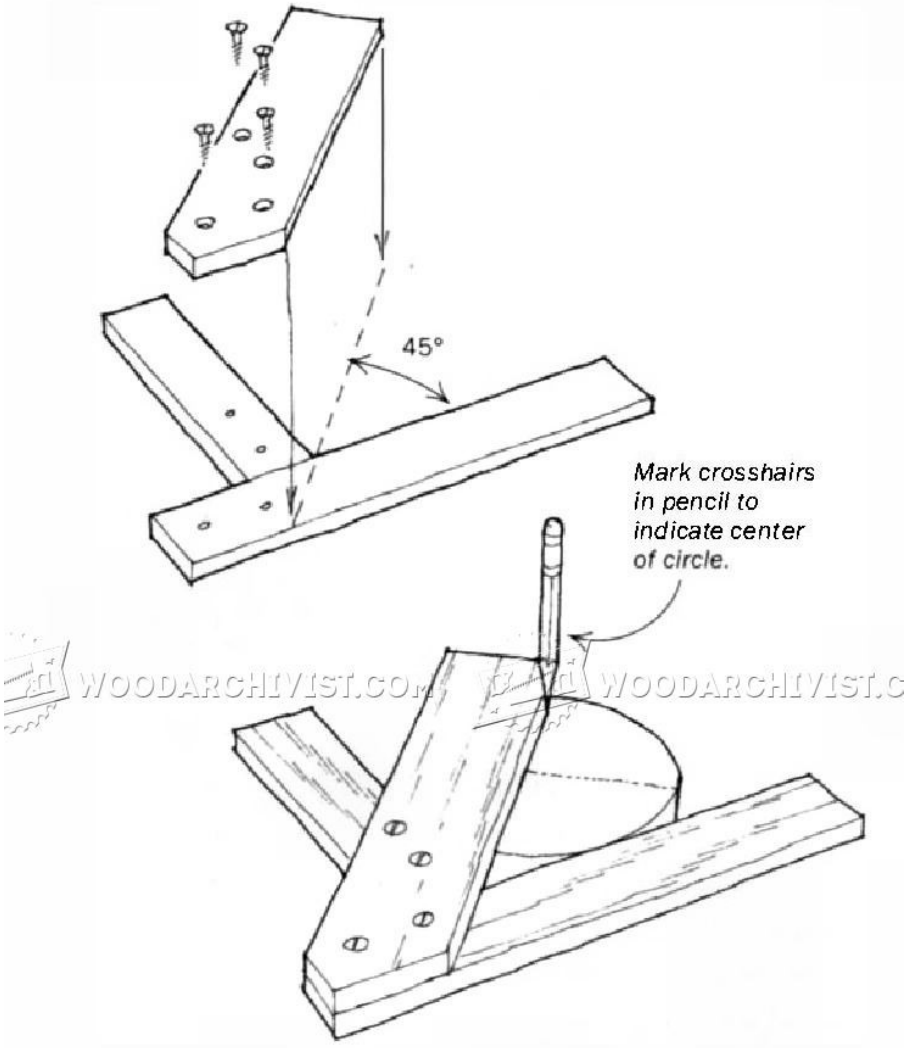
Shopmade center finder



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With this jig (above), you can find the center of round stock quickly and easily. Construction requires only three pieces of hardwood. Make two arms that form a 90° angle and a center member a little wider, so that all three pieces will interlock securely. Cut the length according to the largest-diameter round stock that you intend to use. To assemble the jig, locate, drill and countersink four holes in the center member. Carefully position the center member on top of the other two pieces so that one of its edges bisects the right angle. When everything is right, install the screws. Getting the angles true is the key to an accurate jig. —*Eric Orcutt, Tallahassee, Fla.*